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Dear Mr. Pevec:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation on May 24, 2000, this letter reiterates the Department of Energy's (DOE) commitment regarding tracer materials at the October 1999 DOE/Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) meeting. There, DOE agreed to confirm the completeness of the tracer materials list together with the associated cumulative weights of those materials released from the 67 atmospheric nuclear weapons tests that the U.S. conducted in the northern Marshall Islands. This list and associated weights was provided by the Office of Health Studies to the RMI Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade by letter dated October 8, 1999. In addition, DOE will provide its determination whether any residual amounts of these materials pose a risk to the health of the Marshallese people or to the environment, and will propose recommendations to assess any identified risks.

DOE understands the importance of this information to the Enewetak people. When the accuracy of the 1995 information has been confirmed as complete, or supplemented if necessary, these data and associated analyses will be provided to the RMI Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Alvin Jacklick, with copies to the local atoll governments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Frank Hawkins", is written over a horizontal line.

Frank Hawkins
Director
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